

All Wards Neighborhood Planning Assembly
February 21th, 6:30-8:30 Department of Public Works
Draft Minutes

Meeting Start: 6:30pm

Introductions

Martha Molpus-Ward 7, Linda Deliduka-Ward 7, Jim Holway-Ward 4, Richard Hillyard-Ward, Tony Redington-Ward 2, Adrian Pascual-Ward 3, Peter Keating-Ward 6, Nate Orshan-Ward 5, Elisa Nelson-Ward 5, Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO and Jonas Lobe-CEDO Intern.

Current Events

All NPAs have candidate forums for city councilors and school board. Ward 4 and 7 were N. Avenue Traffic patterns, the N. Ave pilot project final decision will be determined by the Spring, and Burlington College housing project. There is a current study conducted to look at bridge safety over Winooski River. Ward 1 and 8 looking to have Mayor come talk about Burlington as a sanctuary city. Gentrification a problem in Old North End with college students. A report by Curt McCormick on demographics and housing statistics to provide more info on problem. An improved relationship between community and Champlain College. South End long term conflict between residential areas and industrial development areas with close proximity. Also Talk about Champlain Parkway, either to maintain plan or change to new, major dividing point for residents. Need more steering committee members, reaching out to civic minded college students.

Show and Tell

NPA symbiotic relationship with community dinner (2&3) improves attendance of both events. Community dinners not effective (4&7). Areas in North end where 3-4 miles walk to bus, public transportation hard to get to NPA. Green Mountain Transportation stop service cannot bring people back after NPA end. North end has highest ridership and worst service. NPAs have been around for 35 years and can modernize practices. Need to improve community outreach through Neighborhood block parties. Ward 5 started taking minutes with screenshots to include as illustration has been very effective. Promotion of NPA over exciting Front Porch Forum posts. Social media important component, live stream and on Channel 17 news CCTV. Last, Building young new leadership important to success and health of future NPA.

Resolution Updates

NPA resolution last altered in 2012, to add new ward, created in 1980's, take chance to update again while adding ward 8. Use anniversary to celebrate/reflect on work done but revise resolution. Reflect on each section and look to improve. Budgeting \$400 not

enough to spend effectively for community outreach, too much for just the meetings. Mayor main argument against increase, NPA's don't use full budget now. Highly recommend to use full budget. City councilors given money to spend for community engagement, used to be given to NPA. Can tap into that money, or get more funding to have NPA continue community outreach work. Important to have one clean and very accessible copy of resolution. Reinstate training for Steering committee mems. Change wording on resolution "citizens" and "voters" to "residents". Also need to look at Bi-laws for updates.

Other Updates:

Phet shared that March 23, 5:15PM-6:00PM at AARP location Open Streets Planning Committee will be meeting to plan for this year's summer event. This will be a preliminary planning meeting where the community comes together to figure out what form Open Streets will take this year and how to make it happen. All interested community members are encouraged to attend! This could be an opportunity for NPA to collaborate and get exposure with event. Open Streets has been an event to bring the City together and has been a collaborative effort from Parks & Rec, Local Motion, The North End Ramble, and local business.

Next scheduled All Wards will be on April 19th 6:30-8:30. Ward 1 SC member Dana Kamencik will look into a location at UVM Medical Center.

Meeting End: 8:30pm

Minutes take by Jonas Lobe-CEDO intern